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Application of: Alvarez et al.

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For: RANDOM PEPTIDES THAT BIND TO
GASTRO-INTESTINAL TRACT (GIT)
TRANSPORT RECEPTORS AND
RELATED METHODS

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated September 28, 2000, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. Applicants also submit herewith in connection with the instant application (i) a Petition for Extension of Time, together with the necessary fee, (ii) an Amendment fee transmittal sheet, (iii) a Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (with copies of references BN and BO); (iv) Exhibit A, with a marked version of the claims; and (v) Exhibit B, with claims as pending upon entry of the amendments made herein.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Cancel claims 1-30, 40-74, and 76-97 without prejudice.

Amend claims 31-33 and 75 to read as follows:

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31. (Amended) A method of delivering an active agent in vivo comprising administering to a subject a composition comprising a purified protein which specifically binds a gastro-intestinal tract receptor, which receptor is selected from the group consisting of HPT1 (SEQ ID NO:178), hPEPT1 (SEQ ID NO:176), D2H (SEQ ID NO:179), and hSI (SEQ